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1. A felling master receives 4,600 crowns gross per month. Deductions amount to 700 crowns. Piece work forestry workers are paid a maximum of 3,500 crowns (net) per month. Deductions are governed by the number of dependents in his family; he receives no other privileges or bonuses.
2. There is a great shortage of specialists in forestry work. The 7,600 hectare forest area of Rokytna had three permanent workers (two felling masters, one administrator or clerk). Brigades from factories must be sent to perform most of the work.
3. The forest felling plan for 1952 called for 25 thousand meters of stacked wood. It is impossible to fulfill this quota since only 30% of the above quota has been fulfilled thus far.
4. A movement to unionize forestry workers is in the planning stage, however, nothing has materialized.
5. In 1951 a worker received 1.85 crowns for setting one tree. In 1952 he received only 1.50 crowns. The maximum a worker can earn per day is 500 crowns. Should a worker set a sufficient number of trees to earn 600 crowns per day, he then reverts to hourly pay and earns only 200 crowns for that day. As a result very few trees are set each day.
6. Factory workers assigned to a working brigade do very little work because the factory must make up the difference in salary paid by the forestry administration and the amount the worker would have received had he worked for the factory during that period.
7. The Ministry of Education issued an order that each student must work in a state forest for one month during vacation months. Time spent by students must be certified by the administrator of the state farm.
8. Absenteeism poses a great problem, even though a worker loses his supplementary food ration coupon and two days leave for an unauthorized absence.
9. Game wardens working for the Czechoslovak state forests receive 3,000 crowns per month with deductions amounting to 400 crowns. A warden receives 25 meters of firewood per year and the gratuitous issue of one uniform.
10. Bonuses were promised for every meter of wood produced above the required quota. The bonuses, however, were never paid. Formerly workers were permitted to take branches and bark for their own use, now the practice is strictly forbidden and anyone found taking wood is fined.

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